

A WHITE LADY SPEAKS.

THE BURNING OF COLORED MEN.

HORRIBLE CONDIIONS IN CONVICT CAMPS

Official Reports Cited.—Senator Dietrich's Proposition.

During the past week two colored men have been burned at the stake. The accounts are given in Southern papers are heartrending in the extreme. But in neither case was there any pity shown by the infuriated mob nor by the citizens who witnessed the awful scene; on the contrary, cheers rent the air.

Where, oh where are we drifting? How long must the young be educated in witnessing scenes that would disgrace a heathen nation? God only knows.

Why is it that we never read of such assaults on women during the civil war when they were left unprotected? If one-half of the accounts of assaults on white women by colored men are true, is there not some hidden wrong concealed from the eyes of the world?

The papers tell us that Joe Washington, who was burned at the stake last Saturday night denied to the very last having committed any assault on the woman. Be that as it may, there is no doubt but Joe Washington was a bad man. The papers tell us that he had served two long terms in the penitentiary.

The Georgia Penitentiary Report for 1899 tells us that Joe Washington was then serving a five years' term in Brown's camp at Dade coal mines for "Larceny from the house." He was then 25 years of age. It was from this camp that the young colored man, Neal Smith was taken from the stockade and burned at the stake in the fall of 1896. It had left the stockade, not being shackled as many were, and committed an unmentionable crime for which he was burned.

In the winter of 1896-'97, the legislative investigating committee made a special investigation of the penitentiary camps, I think twenty-six in all. I will give a few extracts from the report as given in the Georgia papers.

"In the Dade county mines a most revolting state of moral depravity—depravity not to be described in print—was found to exist, with the knowledge of the Superintendents." The convicts, and also guards, gambled, etc. "Many of the convicts were naked to the waist and few of them had shoes."

They were nearly starved, besides having no fire to warm themselves by even when they had to go barefooted through snow. They were flogged unmercifully, and one system of punishment was declared by the committee to be "the worst ever inflicted by one human being upon another." The convicts, nine-tenths of whom were colored, as all the convicts of Georgia are, were worked in the mines; the old criminals and boys of tender years were herded together like brute beasts and treated as such.

Is it any wonder that human beings, emerge from such schools of crime, such hell upon earth, criminals of the highest grade?

The corresponding secretary of the Conference of Charities and Corrections said in her last report, concerning the colored boy criminals in Alabama:

"They go out half-dressed and half-beast." She adds: "How can we expect that brutal assaults will cease while we are thus making brutes of human beings?" Now what are we going to do? All such ex-convicts cannot be burned at the stake.

It is said that the newly elected U. S. Senator of Nebraska, Charles H. Dietrich, who has seen convict-camp life in the South in all of its horrors, intends to bring this subject before Congress next winter with a view of bettering the condition of the convicts. Let all who read these lines wait at once to Senator Dietrich and implore him to go on with his scheme. Any letter sent him and is addressed, United States Senate, Washington, D. C., will reach him.

Should he need any additional information concerning the present conditions of convict camps, let him call at 122 Tenth St., S. E., Washington, D. C. CLARISSA OLDS KEELER.

August 16, 1901.

Rev. Lewis Called.

Rev. P. S. Lewis, B. D., who has been the General Missionary of the General Association of Virginia has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Lexington, Va.

The Elder has the call under consideration and if he consents to accept, the church will be fortunate in obtaining the services of such a tireless worker.

Mrs. Ida Belle Seay, Jr., left the city Saturday for Powhatan Co., to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willie Seay, who has spent the summer in Amelia Co. They will spend a week in Powhatan, Belvidere and Rockbridge with her sister, Mrs. William Walton.

T. W. MITCHELL MONUMENT.

To be Unveiled Monday, Aug. 26, Mr. A. D. Price, Chief Marshall.—The Parade to a Grand Success.

That the Thomas W. Mitchell Monument will be unveiled on Monday Aug. 26, is now an assured fact. The various Pythian Companies all over the state are getting in readiness to come to Richmond and one of the finest parades is anticipated. The Monument Association is hard at work arranging matters and have everything about completed.

Mr. A. D. Price has accepted position as Chief Marshall and he will be assisted by six aides.

The organizations who will be participated will all form at the point designated and will immediately on arrival at that point report to the Chief Marshall. The following gentlemen have consented to act as aides to the Chief Marshall, viz. Dr. D. A. Ferguson, Mr. L. T. Crawford, Mr. S. S. Baker, Mr. Isham Mann, Mr. R. B. Mosby, Mr. B. P. Van derval.

The following orders will be observed, 1st Regiment will be stationed on the East side of 3rd Street, facing west, right resting at Baker Street.

2nd Regiment will be on immediate left of the 1st Regiment.

Invisible Lodge No. 2674 G. U. O. of O. P. form on South side of Jackson St. east of 3rd St. Onley Council I. O. O. F. of St. Luke form on North side of Jackson St. east of 3rd St. Pythian Lodges will form on Jackson Street, west of 3rd St. in order of seniority. Carriages on Leigh St. east and west of 3rd St.

All K. of P. uniform rank companies will report at the Castle Hall, 511 N. 3rd St. at 12 o'clock sharp in full dress uniform.

The following amounts were received last Tuesday night at the meeting: Bethel Court No. 99, Suffolk \$1.00 Sir Edward Clay 2.00 Sir Wm. Isaac Johnson 2.00

The officers of the association, the dignitaries on the program and the cord palliers will occupy carriages. Planets No. 28 will go in carriages also. Committee and speakers and those who are to take an active part in the program, will assemble at the Castle Hall at 1:30 sharp in order that they may be assigned to their Carriages.

Two Important Articles.

Mr. William Allen White has just returned from Lawton, where he went to write for THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, an article on the "opening" of the Indian Wards, Mr. White's vivid account of the mushroom city that sprang up in a night, is of striking and timely interest.

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, and Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh, will contribute to an early number of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, of Philadelphia, a paper of official significance on Carnegie's Gift to Scotland. Lord Balfour is one of the trustees of the millions; Mr. Carnegie has given to the Scotch universities.

COLORED GIRL KILLED.

Twelve-year-old Child Frightfully Mangled on the C. & O. Road.

An unknown colored girl was run over Monday night in the "valley" in the vicinity of Brown St. and was instantly killed. The accident happened on the Chesapeake and Ohio road.

The body was terribly mangled. No one had recognized it at the hour of going to press. Apparently the girl was about 12 years old.

Coroner Taylor viewed the remains, but no inquest was held, owing to the lateness of the hour.—Leader.

The Republicans Nominate.

The Republican State Convention met at Roanoke last Wednesday and nominated the following ticket: Governor, J. Hampton Hoge of Montgomery; Lieutenant Governor, Robert W. Blair of Wythe; Attorney General, D. Lawrence Gromer of Norfolk.

The nominations were made by acclamation. The contest from Richmond between Chairman Miles Williams, and Postmaster Knight's forces resulted in a victory for Mr. Knight, the contestants being seated by a large majority. There were very few colored men in the convention.

The picnic given by the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church S. S. last Tuesday to Bothwell Park was a grand success in every way, and the officers and committee of the S. S. were highly complimented, both by the street railway and train officials, on the excellent order and splendid conduct of the members and friends of the S. S. The picnic was also a glowing success financially. The train consisted of seven coaches and one refreshment car, all of which were well filled.

PEACE WAS IN SIGHT

PRAYER WAS RESORT-ED TO.

Conference Committee Solved the Problem—Would Not Hear the Report.

CHAIRMAN BRIGGS DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Wild Scenes of Disorder.

The meeting of the First Baptist Church last Monday night was attended by about 500 persons and it was evident that there would be a hot time.

Editor Mitchell was not present. He left at 4:45 p. m. that day for Norfolk, Va.

Promptly at 8 p. m., Brother W. I. Johnson moved that Brother D. Webster Davis, A. M. take the chair.

WANTED BAD RULES.

Brother William Henry Davis moved that Rev. Thomas H. Briggs take the chair. Brother Davis himself put the motion and declared Brother Briggs elected and he proceeded to the chair.

He is now known as the parliamentary law butcher and he called "Batcher" for short.

TANGLED AND KEPT TANGLED.

Right well did he keep his record for outrageous ruling. As an example he had the paper read on which the deacons had acted in calling the church meeting, and without having had the paper which belonged to the deacons' meeting received by the church, proceeded to entertain a motion to lay it on the table although it was really not in possession of the church.

The motion to receive, made by Bro. Robt. Watkins, who was guard at the penitentiary during the Readjuster Rule.

Brother A. J. Holmes moved that all of it be received. Carried.

Then the prayer meeting commenced.

PRAYED A LONG PRAYER.

The amusing part of it was evident when Brother W. S. Selden called upon when Brother Nelson Williams, Jr., who forged the names to the application for a meeting to pray. He offered up one of those long-winded-prayers with which he has no doubt afflicted the poor Sunday School children of the State during his visits as missionary. He prayed too that we might separate in peace.

His prayer had about as much effect as water upon a duck's back.

THE CONFERENCE OF LEADERS.

In the meantime a committee on conference had been hastily organized. At last it became manifest that a wide split existed in the church between the contending elements and after a hasty consultation, it was decided that something should be done for the interest of the church to check the mad career of those who seemed to be in control of affairs, and they were by a combination, which cared for naught else than to carry a point.

THOSE WHO TALKED TOGETHER.

In one of the ante rooms, the following brethren were consulting: Rev. T. Hill, Esq., Cashier of the True Reformers' Bank; Dr. J. E. Jones, of the Union University; H. J. E. Jones, a leading wholesale and retail fish dealer who is well-known, Deacon Thornton Wyatt, acknowledged to be one of the most conservative men, and a man of unblemished character, Rev. R. J. Bass, President of the Insurance Co. and pastor of the Baptist Church at West Point, Rev. D. Webster Davis, A. M., pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Manchester, Va., a noted author and lecturer of national reputation, Deacon J. C. Farley, a well-known photographer, and Mr. Wm. Henry Davis was subsequently called in. This meeting was indeed a great one. The spirit of God seemed to be with these brethren.

Mutual concessions were made and from what we can gather an admirable paper was drawn up, which these leading men of the church believed would have solved every problem confronting the church.

Each one got down on his knees and asked for divine guidance.

They reached a unanimous conclusion, and it was understood that the plan would settle the trouble and bring peace to the church.

THE DEVIL IN THE CHURCH.

But while they with God were at work on the inside of the committee-room, the Devil was at work on the outside in the church.

They had apparently forgotten that they had left outside Brother Nelson Williams, Jr., who forged the names to the application for the meeting, Brother Tom H. Briggs, "The Butcher," Brother Robert Watkins, who was guard at the penitentiary during the Readjuster Rule and Brother Henry G. Carter, who no longer wears those big white breeches and shad-belly coat, but who nevertheless is now called "Shad-Belly" for short.

WOULD NOT HEAR REASON.

When the committee came out, Bro. R. T. Hill stated that they had reached an agreement.

Bro. Nelson Williams, Jr., who forged the names to the application for the meeting had made a motion to adjourn. He would not withdraw it, in order

that the report of the conference might be received and acted upon.

Brother Hill informed the committee that he could do nothing with the contending elements which had been brought there, and Brother Tom H. Briggs, the parliamentary butcher declared the motion carried. It was about 10 o'clock and the wildest scenes were repeated as before.

DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.

When the votes were announced it was followed by shouting, clapping of hands, and remarks were made to make uncomfortable those who were opposed to the procedure.

The voting seemed to be divided as follows: 225 for the True Reformers, 123 against and 102 not voting either way.

At this meeting was presented the remarkable spectacle of a body of people refusing to listen even to a conference report of their own acknowledged leaders.

It was no surprise that they would not listen to Editor Mitchell's defense in his own behalf.

The disgust was wide-spread and the most conservative members expressed their alarm at the turn affairs had taken.

"SHAD-BELLY" DISORDERLY.

Brother Henry G. Carter was so bold and disorderly that Deacon John T. Allen, one of the most conservative officials in the church took him to task.

He was endeavoring to induce ladies to vote his way although they did not want so to do.

For a few minutes, he looked as though he would strike the deacon.

Rev. W. T. Johnson takes charge on the first Sunday in September.

Rev. P. S. Lewis, B. D., who has been elected to the church which Rev. Johnson left will no doubt be installed very soon. The salary at Lexington was \$700 per year.

BROTHER JONATHAN HOPEFUL.

Brother H. F. Jonathan, the recognized leader of the forces for right, and the interest of the church was on hand early. He was not surprised at the action of the mob which had been brought down, but expressed a determination to continue the struggle for God's law as set forth in the Scriptures. Brother Edmund Warner was also active and outspoken.

The talk of the most conservative members of the church is a study, and there is no longer any denial but what the actions as rendered are a disgrace to the Baptists of this community.

NO ATTEMPT TO DEFEND IT.

No one outside of the ring attempts to defend the affair and but few of them. The regret is that such a disgraceful happening should be possible in a Christian church and this too on the eve of the reception of a pastor, who is, to a large extent being held responsible for the conditions which obtain.

Miss Nannie Crump has been quite sick at her home, 608 W. Leigh Street.

Mrs. Florence Coghill, and her two children, Lafon and Kirkland, of Manchester, Va., are visiting relatives in Surry County.

Miss Annie M. Jackson is spending her vacation in the country.

Messrs. George Seay, Jr., and W. H. Seay will leave Saturday for Rockbridge.

Capt. Henry Stokes has returned to the city after an absence of two weeks.

Miss Hattie Johnson of Charlotte, N. C., in company with Miss Mary F. Clarke called on us.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Price are the happy possessors of a bouncing baby boy. It arrived here Aug. 8, 1901.

Mr. Isham Mann has been granted a divorce from his wife, Odie and is single again.

Mrs. Clara West is very sick at her residence, 1928 West Clay St. Rev. J. R. West has the sympathy of his friends.

Mr. Charles S. Pleasants, of Jacksonville, Fla., called on us. He is the cousin of Mrs. E. J. Crane.

Mrs. W. T. Lillie, and Daisy M. Wright are spending their vacation at Walkerton, Va., the guest of Mrs. Jas. Carter.

Mr. W. L. Tunstall, cigar manufacturer of Baltimore was in the city this week in behalf of his brands. He was well pleased with his trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex W. Bell and infant daughter, Pearl, of Philadelphia, Pa., who have been visiting relatives and friends in this city since the 10th, inst left to-day for their home.

During their stay here, they were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Crump, 603 West Leigh St.

Their visit was enjoyably spent and they were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Booker, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Crump. Their friends regret that their visit was not more lengthy.

Dr. Oswald Bowser has passed the State Board of Medical Examiners and will locate in this city. He is the son of the well-known Mrs. Rosa D. Bowser.

Miss Winston, 114 W. Baker St., returned from Powhatan Co., Va., last Sunday. She seems to be very much pleased with her trip.

THREE IN ONE NIGHT.

The Grand Chancellor in Norfolk Monday Night.—A Court, a Lodge and a Company Organized A Grand Time There.

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 20, 1901.—Editor

John Mitchell, Jr., arrived yesterday, (Monday) evening, via C. & O. route.

He wore the fatigues uniform of a Brigadier General, U. R. Knights of Pythias. He was met by Assistant Inspector General, R. M. Sears.

They repaired to the Masonic Temple where the ladies were awaiting Grand Worthy Counselor, John Mitchell, Jr.

Dr. Wm. E. Atkins arrived a few moments later and proceeded to work.

Then the work of the night began. The following officiated: Grand Senior Directress, Mrs. Florence A. Kindred; Grand Junior Directress, Mrs. Mary E. Henderson; Grand Worthy Esquire, Sir J. W. Randolph; Grand Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Annie Stevens; Grand Worthy Orator, Mrs. Fannie Cook; Grand Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Emma Cherry; Grand Worthy Herald, Mrs. F. H. Franklin.

The officers of the new court are as follows:

W. C. Mrs. M. A. Jackson; S. D. Mrs. Ada Isabel; J. D. Mrs. Rosa Stroud; W. Inspector, Mrs. Mary White; W. O. Mrs. Lavenia Robinson; W. Inspector, Mrs. Dora J. Sears; W. E. Mrs. Emma Fitchett; W. Cond. Mrs. Rosa Robinson; W. Asst. Cond. Mrs. Anna Hawkins; R. of Deeds, Mrs. Mary Merchant; R. of Acct. Mrs. Victoria Owens; Rec. of Dep. Mrs. Elizabeth James; Mrs. Clarissa Little; H. Mrs. Ella Wilkins; Trustees, Mrs. Mollie Landin; Mrs. Laura McMillan; Benjamin R. Boulding. This court was organized through the efforts of Col. R. M. Sears and his Madam, and will be known as Dora's Court Independent Order of Calanthe.

Grand Chancellor, John Mitchell, Jr., then went over to the Castle Hall, of the Knights of Pythias, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A. where a large number of Sir Knights had gathered. He made a stirring address and was loudly applauded.

The following Sir Knights filled the chairs:

V. C. Lee R. Lane; Master at Arms, C. E. Perry; Prelate, Edward Langley; M. of Work, John Dagner; Inner Guard, John A. Williams; Outer Guard, John McCoy; Attendants: Sirs John Royall, Henry Hill, W. S. Adams, John Tyler, S. T. Harris, Alfred Follard.

The three ranks were conferred on 36 candidates and it was nearly 3 o'clock in the morning before the work was completed.

The following are the officers of what will be known as Phoenix Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A. Chancery Commander, S. T. Hill; V. C., W. H. Fleming; P. G., W. B. Hawkins; M. of W., Benjamin R. Boulding; M. at A., Luke Merchant; K. of R. & S., E. C. Crocker; M. of F., Wm. Gordon; M. of Exchequer, P. C. McMillan; J. G., Wm. Smith; G., Thomas H. Brooks; Treasurer, Walter Jones, B. R. Boulding, W. E. Smith.

Seldom has there been greater enjoyment at an initiation and the interest lasted to the end.

All except those who were to be initiated in the new company retired to the dining hall below where refreshments in abundance were served.

This lodge was instituted through the efforts of Special Deputy Grand Chancellor, R. M. Sears.

Brigadier General John Mitchell, Jr., organized what will be known as Conaway Company, No. 18, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias.

The following are the officers: Captain, Benjamin R. Boulding; 1st Lieut., Wm. H. Tyler; 2nd Lieut., Lee R. Layne; Guard, M. H. Alston, Sentinel, Thos. Winborne; Recorder, G. W. B. Hawkins; Treasurer, Wm. Toomer.

This company was organized through the efforts of Col. R. M. Sears.

There was great rejoicing at the conclusion of the initiations. Gen. Mitchell declared that it was the first time during his official career that he had seen so much of so much work being done in one night. He was outspoken in his commendation of Col. Sears.

Col. M. D. Meekins of the 2nd Regiment conferred with Gen. Mitchell for quite awhile relative to matters concerning the Department here.

During his stay, he was the guest of Col. R. M. Sears, but left this morning at 8:30 a. m. for Richmond.

From Mt. Clair, N. J.

This club has learned with deep sorrow of the passing away of our associate and member, William H. Newton, who was endeavored to us all by his manliness of character, beloved for his bright and cheerful disposition, respected for his earnest work in the club and church.

His death brings to us all a realizing sense of his great worth as a companion and a man of affairs.

We feel that his untimely death is not only a sad blow to his friends and fellow associates in this and other organizations with which he was connected, but is to be deplored as a serious loss to the community.

He earned for himself the enduring reputation of an earnest, honorable gentleman. The club, out of respect will

donate \$3.30 for the expenses for this occasion.

There is a reaper whose name is death, And with his sickle keen; Reaps the bearded grain, at a breath, And the flowers that grow between.

Signed by ORIENTAL CLUB. MT. CLAIR, N. J., Aug. 14, 1901.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

The funeral services of William Haywood Newton was held in St. Mark's M. E. Church, Rev. J. H. Blake, pastor, Aug. 14th, 1901.

William Haywood Newton was born in Virginia, Jan. 10th, 1873. He lived in Montclair, N. J. about four years and was known by all to be quiet, peaceful, and upright, all who knew him, loved him and respected him for the many noble examples for the right he has set forth.

He was worthy of the confidence placed in him. He was a model young man. He was sick for a long time but would not give up. He was faithful and served the church until the end, and now he has everlasting life.

He was happily converted to God nearly three years. He was a faithful soldier for Jesus. He was a member of James H. Jackson's class, No. 1, also a member of the pastor's Bible Class, and did much for its success. He was an active worker in all the young people's meetings and will be missed by us all.

He had a sweet life and God was with him to the end.

He was very sick in the Hospital for two weeks, yes, very sick. The doctors did all they could to save him, but could not; yet he answered the voice of Jesus and is gone to Him for rest.

He died Tuesday morning about 9:15 a. m. He went home to Jesus. He left a father, Mr. Addison Newton, of Richmond, also six sisters, Mrs. George W. Rison, Danville; Mrs. Ned Simpson, Newport News; Mrs. John Jones, Richmond; Mrs. Catherine Brooks, Richmond; Miss Maggie Newton, and Miss Mildred Newton of Richmond, and a host of friends to mourn their loss, but their loss is his gain.

May God bless them all, and may we all meet in Heaven and part no more, forever with God.

He was a strong character and a very remarkable young man, always ready to do some small thing for a righteous cause. He was a place in the hearts of all. We will miss him here, but we will meet him there, over the river, just beyond the Jasper wall.

The pastor preached an excellent sermon, text found 1st Cor. 15: 57.

J. H. BLAKE.

ERADICATING NEGROES

Missouri Town Has Lynching, Shooting and Burning Matinees.

A GIRL'S MURDER STARTED IT.

Now the Citizens Say They Will Drive Every Colored Person From Town, Including the Negro Porters—Blacks Are Hiding in the Woods.

Pierce City, Mo., Aug. 21.—For nearly 15 hours, ending about noon yesterday, this town of 3,000 people has been in the hands of a mob of armed whites, determined to drive every negro from its precincts. In addition to the lynching on Monday night of William Godley, accused of the wanton murder of Miss Cassie Wild, and the shooting to death of his grandfather, French Godley, the mob yesterday cremated Peter Hampton, an aged negro, in his home, set the torch to the houses of five blacks, and with the aid of state militia rifles, stolen from the local company's arsenal, drove dozens of negroes from town. After noon the excitement died down, the mob gradually dispersing, more from lack of negroes upon whom to wreak their hatred than from any other cause. Many of the negroes who fled the city are hiding in the surrounding woods, while others have gone greater distances in seeking safety.

Every negro has left the town except a few railway porters known to be respectable, but these must also leave. The citizens of Pierce City say that as negroes have committed several crimes in the last ten years none shall live there in the future. The same feeling already exists at Monett, four miles east of Pierce City, and the end of the Frisco passenger